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We would remind the Advertising community and all others who wish to bring their business extensively before the public, that the *Journal* has the largest circulation of any paper in the county—that it is constantly increasing—and that it goes into the hands of our wealthiest citizens.

We would also state that our facilities for executing all kinds of JOB PRINTING are equal to those of any other office in the county; and all Job Work entrusted to our hands will be done neatly, promptly, and at prices which will be satisfactory.

Select Poetry.

SPRING.

If anything more beautiful than the following, in reference to the coming of Spring time, has ever been written, we have yet to see it. Its author was the late Dr. James G. Percival.

I feel a newer life in every grain
The which that fans the flowers.
And with welcome breathings fill the soil
Till of sereener hours—
Of hours that glide unfeeling away,
Behold the sky of May.

The spirit of the gentle south wind calls
From his blue throne of air,
And where his voice in music falls,
Beauty is budding there.

The bright ones of the valley break
Their slumbers and awake,
The waving verdure spreads along the plain
And the wide forest waves,
To welcome back its playful mates again
Its canopy of leaves;
And from its darkening shadow floats
A gush of trembling notes.

Faith and brighter spreads the reign of day
The tresses of the woods,
With the fond dallying of the west wind play
And the full brimming floods,
As gladly to their goal they run,
Hail the returning sun.

"WHAT MEANEST THOU! OH, SLEEPER!"

BY REV. EDWARD G. JONES, A. M.

How canst thou sleep, when earth is wide awake,
And loud the din of action sounds, till quake
The very mountains in their granite bed?
See! Trade is to its active interests wed,
See! Commerce with its sail on every sea,
Science and Art in wondrous harmony!

What movements are afoot! what levers play!
And all repudiate a holiday!
Mind, heart, and hands, have entered now the lists,
The world cries, "Toil!" and look, each man
Of oak assists!

How canst thou sleep, when good men pass to dust,
Devolving labor two fold, as thy trust?
To earth, on which the malison now lies,
Must thou apply remedial agencies.
The Church holds out her arms in suppliant form,
The pulse of sluggishness to stir and warm,
And Nature, with her full arterial tide,
Pouring profusion on our every side,
Peals in the selfish ear these words, I wren,
"Sleepers insensate! what, oh, say, what canst
thou mean!"

Polished society has no formality.

Sabbath Reading.

THE TRANCE OF ST. PAUL; OR, THE ANTEPAST OF GLORY.

BY REV. EDWARD G. JONES, A. M.

"And I knew such a man whether in the body or out of the body I cannot tell. God knoweth. How that he was caught up into Paradise, and heard unspeakable words which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such an one will I glory, yet of myself will I not glory, but in mine infirmities." 2 Cor. 12: 2, 3, 4, 5.

One of the most striking elements in the character of a truly distinguished man, is humility. The heavy boulder in the hill-side has to be quarried into light, while a bit of frost in crystallizing must make a sharp quick sound to note the epoch of its natural formation, symbolizing thus, as it were, the re-pective qualities of the proud and the unassuming, and teaching us that colossal greatness must be sought for in the quarry while impetuous mediocrity will of itself give unsolicited signal of its presence. When Paul and Barnabas were carrying to the impoverished saints at Jerusalem the voluntary oblation of the christian brotherhood at Antioch, cementing thus by practical beneficence two distant companies; the former is supposed to have been favored with a most remarkable vision, calculated to seal his devotion, and animate his faith. So extatic was the rapture that he scarcely realized the fact of his existence in a tabernacle of clay, and when fourteen years had rolled away with their crowded and diversified experience, he could not definitely determine whether his spirit was at that time temporarily detached from the body to bask in the sunshine of heavenly felicity, or whether this union still subsisting, he lost the consciousness of such an embodied condition, and swept the horizon like an eagle ere he had finally snapped the net work of his cage.

Conscious of the honor put upon him by so discriminating an act of Providence, an act which seemed to ignore for a special end the divine emolument, that eye should not see, nor ear hear, nor should it enter into the heart of man to covet the things which God had prepared for those who leave him, he studiously concealed from the Church of God an experience which would have caused an immense occasion of personal influence and renown, and buried in his own heart, amid the terra incognita of his unexplored emotions, a history which would have thrilled the world to hear. From his companion in travel, the amiable Barnabas, he withheld the fact of his elevation to the paradise of God. Most of us have a confidential friend to whom we entrust the secrets of the bosom, and by imposing the vow of silence we flatter ourselves that a communication thus guardedly given will go no further; but should the communication be such as would add to our social weight, or official influence, together with this injunction of silence may be the confident hope, nay, the mutual and tacit understanding that such a striking circumstance must not be put under a bushel, but that in a quiet way it must circumnavigate the ocean of society, and with gossamer sails catch the perfumed gales of popular eulogium. To suppress this desire of communicating to a gaping multitude a fact in our history which puts us on a Chimborazo peak of influence, requires more of the grace of God than would most imagine, and even in the church there is so wide a margin for self display, that to conquer self-complacency and boasting there, demands a strength of mind which might be called herculean, and a persistent crucifixion of the natural impulse of vanity. Yes, Paul was never greater than when he hid in the crypt of his bosom a diadem of beauty, which had it been brought out in all its flashing brilliancy, would have made him a prince among his fellow apostles, and protected him from much of that obliquy and insult to which he appears to have been exposed from the fact of his bodily infirmities. Paul made no capital out of his christian experience; and even when fourteen years' silence was broken, and he poured on the ear of youthful christendom a narrative which made the heart to bound with joy, he avoided the utterance of egotism, and by a circumlocution spoke of himself as a man in Christ, "I knew a man in Christ fourteen years." When the time came to announce it, he shaded the effulgence of his experience, and like Moses, the Jewish law giver, put a veil before his face while he talked with a spell-bound and listening universe. But what may we suppose was the peculiar character of this vision? That it was a species of trance is, we think, to be presumed with comparative safety. The expression "caught up into the third heavens," may be regarded as referring to the sublime

CURE FOR CANCERS.

Our attention has been recently called to a cure for cancers, which is of so much importance, that we wish to make it known as widely as possible. Some eight months ago, Mr. T. B. Mason—who keeps a music store on Wisconsin street, and is a brother of the well-known Lowell Mason—ascertained that he had a cancer on the face, of the size of a pea. It was cut out by Dr. Wood, and the wound partially healed. Subsequently it grew again, and while he was in Cincinnati on business, it attained the size of a hickory nut. He has remained there since Christmas under treatment, and has come back perfectly cured. The process is this:

A piece of sticking plaster was put over the cancer, with a circular piece cut out of the centre a little larger than the cancer, so that the cancer and a small circular rim of healthy skin next to it were exposed. Then a plaster made of chloride of zinc, blood root and wheat flour was spread on a piece of muslin of the size of this circular opening, and applied to the cancer for twenty-four hours. On removing it the cancer will be found to be burnt into, and appear of the color and hardness of an old shoe sole, and the circular rim outside of it will appear white and parboiled, as if scalded by hot steam. The wound is now dressed, and the outside rim soon suppurates and the cancer comes out a hard lump and the place heals up. The plaster kills the cancer so that it sloughs out like dead flesh, and never grows again. This remedy was discovered by Dr. Fell, of London and has been used by him for six or eight years, with unflinching success, and not a case has been known of the reappearance of the cancer, where this remedy has been applied. It has the sanction of the most eminent physicians and surgeons of London, but has not, till recently, been used in this country, and many of the faculty, with their proverbial opposition to innovations, look upon it with distrust. We saw Mr. Mason at church yesterday, and have since conversed with him and took particular notice of the cicatrized wound, and we can only say, that if the cure is permanent—and from the evidence of eight years' experience in other cases, we have no doubt it is—the remedy ought to be universally known. We have referred to this case, because Mr. Mason is well known both here and at the East. The experiment excited much interest here, and we call the attention of the faculty in this State to the remedy. If it is what is claimed for it, this terrible disease will be shorn of most of its terrors. The application is painful, but the pain is of comparatively brief duration, which any one so afflicted would cheerfully endure.

"IF I WERE A MAN."

Don't I wish that I were a man!
Wouldn't I set the beaver hunted population
an example of brilliant perfection!
Wouldn't I make myself generally agreeable
to all the ladies, and talk to 'em as if
they had souls above bonnets! What a
glorious man I should make!

I wouldn't stand on the hotet steps and puff
clouds of villainous tobacco smoke
into the eyes of all the pretty girls that
go pass, nor spit on the pavements to
spoil their little shoes and injure their
tempers.

I wouldn't set my huge heel down on
the trains of their si ken dresses, to tear
'em half off; and I think I'm not quite
sure, but I think—I'd knock down the
first brute who dared complain of the cir-
cumference of their garments!

And when they come into a car or
omnibus, I wouldn't stick my nose into a
newspaper, or look abstractedly out of
the window, nor get up grumbling, "Al-
ways the way with women!" Not a bit
of it! I'd spring up like a patent India-
rubber ball, and if the old bachelor on the
right hand side, and the spruce clerk on
the left hand side, didn't congress them-
selves into the smallest possible space, to
make room for the crinolines, I'd know
the reason why!

And then, when I get married (for to
what end was I created, if not to pay the
milliner's bills of some blessed little bit of
woman-kind!) wouldn't I make a model
husband! Do you suppose I should bo-
ther her sweet life out of her, by grum-
bling because a paltry button had dropped
off a shirt collar, or a string off a dickey?
Do you think I'd explode like a champagne
lamp every time I found a rip in my
gloves? I'd like to see myself stooping to
any such littleness.

I wouldn't consult the almanac every
time she bought a new bonnet, to see just
how many weeks she had worn the old
one; and I wouldn't snarl like a cross tu-
ger cat whenever the coffee happened to
be cold or the beef steak raw, just as if I

The bill to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year ending in June next, appropriates \$9,500,000, of which nearly \$8,000,000 are for the army, and \$1,400,000 to supply a deficiency in the revenue of the Post Office Department.

A sturdy looking man in Cleveland, a short time since, while busily engaged in cow hding a dandy, who had insulted his daughter, when asked what he was doing, replied:

"Cutting a swell," and continued his amusement without further interruption.

A full heart is as difficult to carry as full cup—the least thing upsets it.

Simonos, Pacific and Switzerland passed through it on Saturday last.

This cut-off makes a difference in favor of steamers of about twenty on e miles. Mr. Matthewson also informs us that the various reports as to the levee in Issaquena county, Mississippi, being broken, are untrue. They are in good order, and no apprehensions of a break are entertained.

A Susucide

"So you had a bad susucide at your house—lass nite, Sam." said a colored gentleman, on meeting his colored trony, a waiter at a hotel.

"Oh, yes, Lemuel, dat we had—it almost scart me into takin' a drink. He was jis from California, wid heaps of noospapers. He cum ober de Jerecipelus by de Niggergator route, and put up at our house precibus to his 'ribel. I tort de man was out ob his bed, kase he gub me a shillin' as soon as he laid eyes on me—from dat munit I stuck by him for fear sum interested passon might get a hold ob him. De next mornin' as de chamlermaid was agwone up stairs wid a scuttle ob cole for her breakfast, she smelt lodlum passin' de mans' ob; soon as she smelt dat she smelt a rat. She necked to de mans' do' but no answer. Den she broke de do' down, and dar laid de man wid de boots on, and in he trout was a stickin' in a bottle of lodlum. She hollered, and we all kitched hold ob de bottle to pul it out, but it wasn't no use. We dad to send for de sturgeon. De sturgeon cum, and made a decision here in de neck, nie de borax, which reached as far as de equilibrium reached de sarafagus, and puttin' a corvise in de decision, gub it a poke wid a dispatch, when out flew de pottle, and all was safe."

"What was safe, Sam, de man?"

"No, de bottle—de man was ded afore de sturgeon cum; but he had to yo sumfin to earn a feeler."

"Was dar anything found in de pockets Sam?"

"How do you suppose I know? Do you tink I'd put my hand in to feel? What you mean to insinuate?"

"Sich good close on afore, dats all."

TALKING TO CHILDREN.

The North-western Advocate, in an editorial on the late North-western Sunday School Convention says:

"There was some conversation in the convention as to the best mode of talking to children. Some amusing specimens of attempts to interest children were given.—One ran thus: An eminent preacher was trying to address a Sunday school, and used the noun *summary*. Pausing, he said, 'Dear children, I have employed a term you will not readily comprehend. I allude to the term *summary*. It is synonymous with *synopsis*.' Exactly—clear as mud—just about! Another said, 'Children, can any of you tell me what is the ostensible design of Sabbath schools?'—'There was a pause, he rep eted the question, whereupon one of the scholars piped out, 'Yeth, thir!' [Laughter] We recently saw a man rise to talk to a large audience of children, and with a due unctuousness of tone begin thus: 'The scene which we now behold is one of unparalleled sublimity,' etc. It soon became one of unparalleled restlessness.

Laying off the Rows.

Laying off the Rows.—Lay off the rows three feet apart. The furrows should be six inches deep to allow ample space for depositing the manures, inserting the sets and covering.

Manuring and Planting.—Strew the manure two or three inches in depth in the bottom of the rows, place the sets ten inches apart upon the top of manure, eyes uppermost, and cover with the plow or hoe as may be most convenient.

Preparation of the Sets.—We have always been in the habit of selecting the best potatoes we could find, large in size, and changing our seed every two years; and to so cut the sets as to have at least two eyes to each set. As we cut the sets we rubbed the cut part in plaster or ashes, so as to dry the wound. After preparing the sets thus we laid them out on some dry airy place to dry, where we permitted them to remain a week before planting them. When thus dried they are not so apt to rot in the ground, and come up more regularly.

Time of Planting.—For late potatoes, location permitting, we would get them in between the 20th of April and 10 of May.

After Culture.—As soon as the potatoes begin to come up run a harrow thro' them over the rows. This process destroys grass and weeds, insures a general stand and serves as a cultivation of the potato. When the potatoes are up three or four inches throw a furrow from them and return it at the same time, so as to leave a slight flat hill and strew four bushels of ashes over the vines. In two weeks plow again, increasing the size of the hill somewhat, preserving its flatness. Th weeds and grass on the rows must be relieved by hoe and hand. At this working strew over the vines on each acre a mixture composed of 5 bushels of ashes, 2 bushels of soil and 1 bushel of plaster.

Remedy for the Smut in Wheat.

Wash the seed in some caustic wash, as blue vitriol (1 lb. to a gallon of water for a sack of wheat). Some wheats are more delicate and liable to it than others.

Muggins says that Job's turkey was fat compared with an old gobbler he shot last week on the Devil's Fork.

That was so light it lodged in the air, and he had to get a pole to knock it down.

The Cincinnati Enquirer gives the following as worth perusal and preservation:

General Washington,	1732	1799	67
Benjamin Franklin,	1706	1790	84
John Adams,	1735	1826	91
Thomas Jefferson,	1743	1826	83
John Q. Adams,	1777	1848	71
Andrew Jackson,	1767	1846	78
Henry Clay,	1716	1852	75
John C. Calhoun,	1782	1850	68
Daniel Webster,			